## SAMPLE LETTER TO A PASTOR

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## Dear Pastor [Last Name],

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write to you today with a deep concern and a shared hope—concern for the spiritual formation of our children in a culture increasingly hostile to biblical truth, and hope that the church will rise to meet this challenge with clarity, courage, and conviction. The issue at hand is education: specifically, the urgent need to remove government control from the schooling of Christian children and to restore parental and church-led discipleship as the foundation of learning.

This conviction is not mine alone. It is echoed by faithful ministries such as <u>Public School Exit</u> and <u>Exodus Mandate</u>, and most recently affirmed by <u>Charlie Kirk</u>, who declared unequivocally that "the government has no role in education." His words, published in a recent article by Alex Newman, reflect a growing recognition among Christian leaders that the public school system has become a spiritual battleground—and that neutrality is no longer an option.

The Christian Education Awareness Network (<u>CEANet</u>) exists to equip families and churches with discernment, resources, and biblical clarity in matters of education. Its mission is simple but urgent: to promote Christ-centered, Word-grounded, grace-driven learning environments that protect and disciple the next generation. Education is not merely academic; it is spiritual formation rooted in Christ and bearing eternal consequences. And when that formation is entrusted to institutions that reject the authority of Scripture, the consequences are profound.

Public School Exit and Exodus Mandate have long warned of these dangers. They have documented the ideological drift in public education—from the erosion of moral absolutes to the promotion of gender confusion, critical theory, and secular humanism. These are not isolated trends; they are systemic. The goal is not education, but indoctrination. The fruit is not wisdom, but confusion. And the casualties are our children.

Charlie Kirk's final reflections before his passing were a clarion call to the church. He traced the roots of government schooling to the Prussian model—designed not to cultivate truth but to produce compliant citizens. He saw clearly that the modern public school system is not failing; it is succeeding in its intended purpose: to separate children from their parents, their faith, and their moral compass. He called this system "demonic in its core," and urged believers to reclaim education as a sacred responsibility.

As a pastor, you are entrusted with the care of souls. That includes the souls of children. Scripture commands parents to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), and to teach God's Word "diligently" to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). This is not a suggestion—it is a mandate. And it cannot be fulfilled when children spend the majority of their waking hours in institutions that deny the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10).

Some argue that Christian children can be "salt and light" in public schools. While noble in intent, this view often underestimates the formative power of environment and overestimates the spiritual

maturity of young hearts. We would not send a lamb into a den of wolves and expect it to thrive. Christ's call to be salt and light was given to His disciples—those who had been trained, tested, and grounded in truth. Our children are still being formed.

The church must speak plainly. Silence on this issue is not neutrality—it is complicity. We must equip parents to evaluate their children's educational environment not merely in terms of academic performance, but in terms of spiritual formation. We must ask: What worldview is being taught here? What values are being modeled? What assumptions are being reinforced?

We must also offer alternatives. Not every family has the resources to homeschool or enroll in a private Christian school. But the church can help bear that burden. We can create co-ops, tutoring ministries, and scholarship funds. We can host workshops, share curriculum, and build networks of support. Galatians 6:2 calls us to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." This is one such burden.

Coming along side of parents and pastors, CEANet offers guides, resources, and theological reflections to help families navigate this transition. Along with CEANet, these other ministries are not calling for isolation, but for intentionality. We are not retreating from the world, but refusing to conform to it (Romans 12:2). We believe education should be an extension of discipleship—not a detour from it.

<u>Charlie Kirk's legacy</u> reminds us that this is not merely a cultural issue—it is a spiritual one. He saw the connection between education and liberty, between truth and flourishing. He understood that if we lose the hearts and minds of our children, we lose the future of the church and the nation. His call to remove government from education is not radical—it is biblical. It is a return to God's design.

I urge you, Pastor, to consider addressing this matter from the pulpit and in pastoral counsel. Encourage families to take inventory of their children's educational influences. Challenge the assumption that public schooling is the default. Affirm the biblical mandate for parents to be the primary educators of their children. And offer the church as a place of refuge, support, and equipping.

This is not a call to panic, but to prepare. Not a call to condemn, but to contend. The stakes are high, but the opportunity is great. We can reclaim education for Christ. We can disciple the next generation in truth. We can honor the legacy of those who have gone before us—men like Charlie Kirk, who saw the danger and sounded the alarm.

Thank you for your faithful ministry and for your willingness to hear this concern. I am praying for you as you shepherd our congregation through these challenging times. May the Lord grant you wisdom, courage, and clarity as you lead.

In Christ's service,

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